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## A Promising Pasture Grass.

During a recent visit to the San Juan Valley, Sub-Station, Superintendent Need called my attention to a plot of Smooth Brome grass (Bromus inermis) and said that last summer he had purposely withheld water from the plot to see how long a drought the grass would stand. No water was applied for five months, save what fell in the infrequent showers. The grass stood the severe test splendidly, and at this time of my visit it was already started into vigorous growth, though no irrigation had been given this spring.

At the Agricultural college a plant of Smooth Brome, which had stood several years was plowed under in the fall of 1895. Seeds from the plant had spread naturally to the back of the adjoining ditch, and the grass has become established there. It starts early in the spring, and is now about a foot high, with very many leaves and a rank growth. It has not yet been determined here whether it will endure close pasturing, but even if it should fail in this regard it will prove a most useful grass for soiling, as cattle are very fond of it, and it withstands drought well. A few years ago the department of agriculture imported a large quantity of seed of this grass from Russia, where it is highly esteemed. Probably a portion of this seed was sent to farmers in New Mexico. I would be pleased to hear from anyone who has tested the species.—Prof. C. A. Reiser, of the Agricultural College, Mesilla Park.

At the meeting of the Democratic territorial central committee held in General Charles F. Easley's office at Santa Fe Tuesday morning, 27 members were present or represented by proxy. General Easley presided and Attorney A. B. Rosenthal acted as secretary. The resignation of Hon. Frank A. Manzanera, of Las Vegas, as a member of the Democratic national committee, was accepted and Hon. H. B. Ferguson was unanimously elected to succeed him. The resignation of Lucius Dills, as a member of the territorial committee, necessitated by his removal from Roswell to Albuquerque, was accepted and ex-Sheriff Charles W. Haynes was elected.

Now and then a paper comes to this office from a remote corner road in one of the states with a letter from some person who has been fortunate enough to escape from there by securing an employment, in some branch of the government service, and who would not easily be induced to return, says the Santa Fe New Mexican. Generally the writer, not having had time to adjust himself to his surroundings writes down this country without knowing enough about it to be accurate. Such letters are given a certain amount of publicity and help to deter desirable immigrants from coming west, because the readers take it for granted the writer is better informed than he is. There is no call for uninformed persons writing newspaper letters at all. The only fair course they could pursue would be to refer inquiries to parties who are posted or advise home-seekers to make personal investigations before removing. In one instance recently a large party of people had secured reliable information as to the resources of a certain county, and its farming possibilities, and were preparing to remove when a letter appeared in their county paper from a newly arrived government employee, who spoke lightly of matters that required more time for investigation than could have had if he were qualified to write upon the subject. The result was to discourage the immigrants, who would probably be much better off in New Mexico than they are at their present homes.

According to the New Mexican, Alexander Read, court interpreter who resided into the advisability of holding court at Tierra Amarilla next month, has reported that the smallpox situation in Rio Arriba county is no bad that court should not be held, and there will be no term at Tierra Amarilla until November. T. D. Burns has written to Judge McFie that there are 28 houses with smallpox within two miles of Tierra Amarilla and numerous cases in other precincts. This and Interpreter Read's statements compelled Judge McFie, though very reluctantly, to abandon the idea of holding court in Rio Arriba county before November.

McCormick mowers, binders and rakes for sale by W. C. Chapman, Durango, Colorado.

## Administrator's Notice.

Estate of George Lohr, deceased. The undersigned having been appointed administrator of the estate of George Lohr, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the Probate Court of San Juan County, at the Court house in Aztec on the first Monday in July next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate, are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having same adjusted, and all persons are hereby notified that if they fail to present their claims against said estate within one year from the date hereof, such claims will be barred by the statute. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned. Dated this 24 day of May A. D. 1899.

JOHN W. RUTOS, Administrator.

Best wagons, best in the world, for sale by W. C. Chapman, Durango, Colo.

## "OPENING" HAS OCCURRED.

Everything Quiet Along the Line When the Ute Reservation Was Thrown Open—Many Boomers Coming to San Juan.

The booming of the reservation has resulted in one thing—the bringing of many homeseekers and settlers to San Juan county. They are coming hourly and hail from all sections of the country. And the beauty of it is, nearly all of them find what they want.

The reservation opening itself was not particularly eventful. The Durango Herald says:

"She's off!"

"The Ute reservation opening!"

"At exactly twelve o'clock the door to the land office was opened by John Meier and the first to enter was George White who was given first right by having purchased the improvements on Ignacio's ranch. He was followed by the others who were admitted inside the enclosure at the same time. P. F. Voight being first in line, having held his place night and day since early Tuesday morning. Behind him were Fred Stollmeier, his sister Miss Della and two others. Behind the desk was Register Perkins and Receiver Sheets, everything being in readiness to run the work of filing the applications. Two or three newspaper representatives and several ladies were on the inside and watched proceedings.

"Prior to the opening of the doors the various steam whistles about town announced that the time had arrived, while the firebells made a run down Main avenue to live up things. The streets and four corners at Eighth and Main, were crowded with men, women and children, the schools having closed.

"There were several who filed under the desert land act and a timber culture and a coal entry were made by A. F. Sullivan. At half past two 42 entries had been made, 22 having been made during the first hour. This was fast work on the part of the officials and greatly relieved the anxious crowd, which as before stated, had divided down to small numbers owing to the belief prevalent that those who made actual locations on the land stood the best show.

"It is reported that several lively runs were made at different points along the line of the reservation. The real strife was in the vicinity of Arboles, although many rushed for the same land at other points. On the Animas adjoining the Harry ranch several people located the same ground. One of the locators at once started to plow and another to build a house and so on.

"On the Florida mesa quite a number congregated and when the noon hour arrived made a rush for the covered land."

## CALICO CARNIVAL.

Consider yourself cordially invited to be present at the correctly constituted and considerably combined Calico Carnival to be held

At the Presbyterian Church at

FARMINGTON,

On the Evening of May 9th, 1899.

The price of admission will entitle you to the following:

Conspicuous Concessions to Confused Companies.

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